

REMARKS

Appended to this response is an Appointment of Associate Attorney along with a change of correspondence address to customer number 29683. The entry of this data into the file jacket is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to provide the serial numbers and current status of the related applications. Note that the entry for Attorney Docket No. NC30575 has been deleted, as it identifies the instant patent application. Note also that the entry for Attorney Docket No. NC30578 has been deleted, as the undersigned attorney was informed that this particular patent application was not filed.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Fenton et al. (US 20020194195 A1), while claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Wenocur et al. (US 20020178360 A1). These rejections are respectfully disagreed with, and are traversed below.

Fenton et al. describe a multi-media system where a broadband creativity platform is implemented as a website that is accessible to a user through a web browser that displays a number of web pages and other programmed elements. This is said to facilitate a media content creation and publishing process by allowing the user to create and edit media content items, store the media content items in a user storage area, manage the media content items within the user storage area, share media content items with other users, and configure and manage user showcase pages to display the user's media content items.

Paragraphs [0060] and [0062], said by the Examiner to teach an entity player for invoking an entity, instead actually describe the programming of User Network Devices (UNDs) with downloaded software, for example, with media creating and editing tools. This can occur over a wired or a wireless connection.

In order to even further clarify the present invention, and to even further distinguish the claims from Fenton et al., each of the independent claims has been amended in a somewhat similar manner to more particularly describe the "entity". For example, claims 1, 2 and 4 each recite that the entity:

"comprises at least a body and a brain for specifying at least an appearance and a behavior, respectively, of the entity when the entity is displayed to a user".

Support for this amendment can be found at least in Fig. 2 and in paragraphs [0032] to [0070]. No new matter is added. This amendment should completely remove the broadband creativity platform website teachings of Fenton et al., and should serve to clearly distinguish claims 1-4 from, and render claims 1-4 patentable over, the teachings of Fenton et al. This is true at least for the reason that Fenton et al. do not provide a teaching of an entity as described and now more particularly claimed in this patent application.

The similar clarifying amendment that was made to claim 5 should also serve to distinguish this claim over the messaging system of Wenocur et al. Those portions cited by the Examiner have been reviewed, and are not seen to provide a teaching of an entity as described and claimed in this patent application. In any event, the clarifying amendment should completely remove the unidirectional secure messaging techniques of Wenocur et al., and should serve to clearly distinguish claim 5 from, and render claim 5 patentable over, the teachings of Wenocur et al.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejection of claims 1-5, as now clarified by amendment, and to allow these claims.

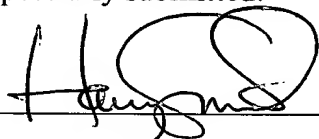
Claims 6-14 are new, and are also deemed to be allowable and patentable over the prior art that was cited and relied upon by the Examiner. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification as filed. For example, support for claim 6 can be found in Fig. 2 and in paragraphs [0032] to [0070], support for claims 7 and 8 can be found at least in paragraph [0146], and support for claims 9-14 can be found at least in paragraphs [0174] through [0177] and in Fig. 16.

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No new matter is added by the presentation of claims 6-14.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the claims as clarified by amendment and as newly added, and to issue a timely notification of the allowance of claims 1-14.

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